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Response to Amendment

1. The proposed amendment to claim 1 which adds the limitations "at least" and "selected from the positive electrode and the negative electrode" and deletes the limitations "consisting essentially of fine particles of platinum or an alloy thereof" and "wherein the adhesive layer contains a polymer material having a proton conducting property" changes the scope of the claims. Therefore, the amendment raises new issues that would require further search and consideration.

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